

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1-23. (Cancelled).

24. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving a succession of electronic documents into a document management system, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time; and

for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents:

generating a unique time-based address corresponding to the point in time at which the electronic document was received; and

storing the electronic document in a time-addressable storage system at a corresponding storage location having an address corresponding to the unique time-based address for the electronic document.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said receiving includes receiving a first electronic document at a first point in time corresponding to a first date and a first time of day within the first date, wherein the unique time-based address of the first electronic document corresponds to the first date and the first time of day.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the first point in time corresponds to a time when the first electronic document was created by imaging a physical document.

27. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the first time of day is specified by at least an hour, minutes, and seconds.

28. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein said receiving includes:

receiving imaged electronic documents; and/or

receiving computer generated electronic documents.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the imaged electronic documents include electronic documents that were created by imaging physical documents.
30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the computer generated electronic documents include electronic documents received from one or more of the following sources: word processing programs, graphics programs, e-mail, facsimile transmissions.
31. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the time-addressable storage system includes redundant storage.
32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the redundant storage includes a RAID system.
33. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
accessing a first electronic document stored in the time-addressable storage system using a first unique time-based identifier, wherein the first unique time-based identifier corresponds to a first point in time when the first electronic document was received into the document management system.
34. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
accessing a range of stored electronic documents using a range of unique time-based identifiers corresponding to a first range of time.
35. (New) The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
generating a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.
36. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising:  
for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, updating one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.

37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein the one or more tables include one or more of:  
a first table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more persons or organizations;

a second table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of file numbers or physical locations of physical documents corresponding to various ones of the succession of electronic documents;

a third table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to a junction of the first and second table entries;

a fourth table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of events, tasks, or dates; or

a fifth table enabling viewing of one or more of the succession of electronic documents.

39. (New) A method of accessing records in a database, the method comprising:  
receiving input corresponding to a range of time;  
using the received input to generate a range of unique time-based addresses; and  
using the range of unique time-based addresses to address a time-addressable storage system in a document management system to access the range of electronic documents.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the time-addressable storage system includes a RAID system.

41. (New) A document management system comprising:  
an input unit configured to receive a succession of electronic documents, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time;  
a time-addressable storage subsystem configured to store the succession of electronic documents using corresponding unique time-based addresses;  
a computer system configured, for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, to generate a unique time-based address corresponding to the point in time at which the electronic document was received into the document management system, and to use the unique time-based address to store the electronic document in the time-addressable storage subsystem.
42. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the input unit is configured to receive a first electronic document at a first point in time corresponding to a first date and a first time of day within the first date, wherein the computer system is configured to generate a unique time-based address for the first electronic document that corresponds to the first date and the first time of day.
43. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the first time of day is specified by at least an hour, minutes, and seconds.
44. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the first electronic document originated from a first physical document converted into the first electronic document.
45. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the first electronic document originated from an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.
46. (New) The system of claim 42, wherein the time-addressable storage subsystem includes redundant storage.
47. (New) The system of claim 46, wherein the redundant storage is a RAID system.

48. (New) A document management system, comprising:

first means for receiving a succession of electronic documents into a document management system, wherein each of the succession of electronic documents is received at a corresponding point in time;

second means for generating a unique time-based address for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein the time-based address for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents corresponds to a point in time at which the electronic document was received; and

third means for storing the received succession of electronic documents using the corresponding time-based addresses.

49. (New) The document management system of claim 48, wherein a unique time-based address for a given one of the succession of electronic documents corresponds to a date and a time of day within that date that the given electronic document was received into the document management system.

50. (New) The document management system of claim 48, wherein the succession of electronic documents includes one or more documents, each of which is converted from a corresponding first physical document.

51. (New) The document management system of claim 48, wherein the succession of electronic documents includes one or more documents, each of which corresponds to an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.

52. (New) The document management system of claim 48, further comprising:

fourth means for generating a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.

53. (New) The document management system of claim 52, further comprising:  
fifth means for updating, for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.
54. (New) The document management system of claim 53, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.
55. (New) The document management system of claim 54, wherein the one or more tables include one or more of:  
a first table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more persons or organizations;  
a second table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of file numbers or physical locations of physical documents corresponding to various ones of the succession of electronic documents;  
a third table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to a junction of the first and second table entries;  
a fourth table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of events, tasks, or dates; or  
a fifth table enabling viewing of one or more of the succession of electronic documents.
56. (New) A computer readable memory medium storing program instructions that are computer executable, for each of a succession of electronic documents received into a document management systems at a corresponding point in time, to:  
generate a unique time-based address corresponding to the point in time at which the electronic document was received; and  
store the electronic document in a time-addressable storage system at a corresponding storage location having an address corresponding to the unique time-based address for the electronic document.

57. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 56, wherein a unique time-based address for a first electronic document corresponds to a first-date and a first time of day at which the first electronic document was received into the document management system.

58. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first electronic document corresponds to a first physical document converted into the first electronic document.

59. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first electronic document originated from an electronic document provided as input to the document management system.

60. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the first time of day is specified at least by an hour, minutes, and seconds.

61. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 57, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

generate a record for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, wherein each record includes a plurality of attributes for the corresponding electronic document.

62. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 61, wherein the program instructions are further executable to:

for each of at least a subset of the received electronic documents, update one or more tables in a database to include references to the corresponding generated record.

63. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 62, wherein each of the tables is searchable using one or more attributes.

64. (New) The computer readable memory medium of claim 63, wherein the one or more tables include one or more of:

- a first table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more persons or organizations;

- a second table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of file numbers or physical locations of physical documents corresponding to various ones of the succession of electronic documents;

- a third table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to a junction of the first and second table entries;

- a fourth table containing records searchable by attributes pertaining to one or more of events, tasks, or dates; or

- a fifth table enabling viewing of one or more of the succession of electronic documents.